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In re application: **Chefalas et al.**

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For: Method and Apparatus for  
Performing the Identification of Files  
to be Backed Up Using Relational  
Meta Data§  
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Group Art Unit: 2177

Examiner: Channavajjala, Srirama T.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Listing of Claims begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 12.